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Real Name : **Nii Okunka Blankson**

Date Of Birth : **28th August**

Hometown : **Accra**

Record Label : **Deluge Music**

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Knii Lante is a Ghanaian based musician, born Nii Okunka Blankson who has been in the music scene since 1988 right from school to the mid 1990's. His interest in music grew from singing and performing to writing his songs. With the growing passion he started writing for other artistes who showed interest.

Having completed medical school and currently practicing, (after a short break from his number one passion) Knii Lante blends the power of the music to the soft touch of a doctors care with his notably humorous style of communication to the satisfaction of all he comes to contact with both at the clinic or when making music.

After some collaborations with some artists like Blakk Rasta on his "Barrack Obama" tune which was dedicated to the NOW President of the United States of America Barrack Hussein Obama during his

candidacy. He later featured on Michael Dwamena's Ngozi (high life) track which won an award in 2007/2008 for "Collaboration of the Year". Knii Lante recorded his debut sixteen track album title "Love And Revolution", a mix of different music genres from Zouk, Ballads, Afro pop etc... And his most preferred genres reggae and soul.

At the just ended Ghana music award Knii Lante received the award for Best Male Vocalist for the 2010/2011 Ghana Music Awards out of the two nominations that he got (album of the year/male vocalist of the year).

With a sweet voice and admirable showmanship Knii Lante has won the heart of many with his performance on different platforms including performances at the Alliance Francaise under the patronage of the French government in Accra. His biggest performance was at the recent Bob Marley bash at the Labadi beach in Accra celebrating the birthday of Robert Nesta Marley one of Knii's influences; an occasion which was graced with the presence of the wife of the legend Nana Rita Marley.

Knii Lante aside his reggae preferences also loves to listen to Michael Jackson and Luther Vandross with an iconic vocal power when he (Knii Lante) recorded a rendition of Luther Vandross's classic "So Amazing". Knii is a lover of music and it tells on anything he does, very funny and a good manager of time. On stage he is the lightening to watch and in the hospital he is the doctor you want to leave your life with and easy to work with in the studio.

Knii Lante is also politically "conscious", often advocating Equal opportunity ie. Egalitarianism, African Unity, Revolution, World Peace etc... Knii plays acoustic guitar and piano to his pleasure, and is a singer set to become one of the best African singers-songwriter- musician and a true soldier for pan- Africanism.

Knii Lante is currently practicing medicine at The SSNIT Hospital in Osu-Accra and actively recording in the studios some singles and a second album. He currently is not attached to any record label but has a small record company (DELUGE ENTERTAINMENT) which manages his promotions and music activities for him.

Knii Lante (pronounced ~ nee lantaye) is a musician coming from the West African state of Ghana. He grew up in Accra (the capital city) feeding on the music of Wulomei, Osibisa, Fela, AB Crensil , and many other African musicians.

Later, growing up , he was also very much influenced and inspired by the music of Bob Marley, Jimmy Cliff, Abba and then Michael Jackson, Luther Vandross, Steel Pulse, Babyface etc.

At those early stages while still in secondary and medical school, his musical talents began to really unfold. Soon, his friends and local mentors Nat Azu/Impromptu and Roots Anabo encouraged him to start writing his own music and to record them. (He even back then independently put out a collection of songs under the title Bo Noo.)

The inevitable outcome of involving in these multiple life interests and influences is that he is now both a practicing physician specialist and musician sometimes affectionately referred to as the "singing doctor". KK, an integral member of Deluge Music/Entertainment has on a lighter side often referred to him as " the Father of Medi-Sing" ! Lol !

A songwriter and composer , he not only also plays the piano and guitar but also sings well enough to have earned him the best male vocal performer in his home country on 2 occasions.

He has recorded , locally released and collaborated on a fine number of singles under the local management company of Deluge Music/Entertainment.

In 2010 he released his first local major album "Love and Revolution" (produced by his longtime friend Zapp Mallet, and Robert Johnson and Joe Amoah) which had remarkable songs like Rocky Road (a tribute to Dr Kwame Nkrumah) , his remake of his earlier Ga classic "Bo Noo", When You Love Someone (feat. Trigmatic) , and the unforgettable "Lagos to Vienna ". His vocal delivery on this album won him his second GMA recognition (the first being for his collaboration with Michael Dwamena on the hit song "Ngozi" a couple of years earlier). The song "Rocky Road" then went on to win him a nomination and then the actual Yaa Asantewa award at the first Bass Awards in Ghana.

At the end of 2012 he locally released a silky reggae (promo) single "House of Pain", recorded in Jamaica with producer Dean Fraser , which won him yet another GMA award.

In a few months Knii will be releasing his next album "True Feelings" under the management of Deluge Music/Ent. and Don Green (Synergy productions) which will feature artistes Queen Ifrica, Cherine Anderson, G Blunt under international producers, Michel Bennett, Dean Fraser and Joe Amoah. The date of the release will soon be announced but this album promises to be the most exciting so far from the "Doc" !



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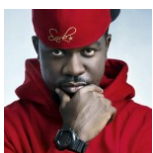


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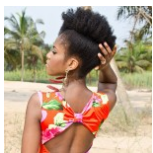
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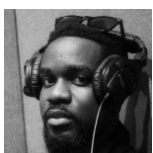
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